

## Message Text

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (HOLBROOKE, RICHARD)  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE MEETING WITH LEE KUAN YEW

REF: STATE 070705

1. AS LAST OFFICIAL ACT BEFORE DEPARTING ON HOME LEAVE,  
I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER LEE KUAN YEW MARCH 31 TO DISCUSS  
WITH HIM POSSIBILITY OF YOUR VISIT. HE WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY  
TO MEET WITH YOU, AND CHOSE EVENING OF APRIL 16 AS THE DATE.  
HE INSTRUCTED HIS SECRETARY TO CHANGE ON APPOINTMENT ALREADY SET  
FOR THAT TIME SO AS TO LEAVE THE EVENING FOR YOU. AS JUNE  
DATE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE SINCE HE WILL BE ATTENDING COMMON-  
WEALTH PRIME MINISTERS CONFERENCE IN LONDON BEGINNING  
FIRST WEEK IN JUNE.

2. PM LEE IS AWARE OF YOUR SUGGESTION FOR A DINNER MEETING.  
ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER, I BELIEVE MOST LIKELY  
ARRANGEMENT WILL BE AN INFORMAL, POOLSIDE BARBECUE AT THE ISTANA  
AT WHICH SINGAPOREAN ATTENDEES WILL BE LIMITED TO A VERY SMALL  
NUMBER OF THE PM'S CLOSE ASSOCIATES. THIS IS THE FORMAT WHICH  
PM LEE HAS PREFERRED IN THE PAST. CHARGE BILL GRANT WILL KEEP  
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IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS TO ARRANGEMENTS.

3. APPROPRIATE OF HIS ORIGINAL INTENTION OF VISITING THE U.S.  
IN MAY, PM LEE SAID HE HAS NOW DECIDED TO BYPASS THE U.S. EN-  
TIRELY. HE WILL FLY WESTWARD TO LONDON, AND THEN TRANSIT  
CANADA ON HIS RETURN TO SINGAPORE.

4. I WILL BE IN THE DEPARMENT FOR CONSULTATIONS BEGINNING  
APRIL 11 AND HOPE THAT YOUR SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT A BRIEF MEETING  
WITH ME PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE ON YOUR SOUTHEAST ASIAN  
TOUR.  
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